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RURAL DISTRICT OF SHEPTON MALLET

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

*including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector*

FOR THE YEAR

1972

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SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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for the year ending

31st December 1972

Highfield House,  
Park Road,  
Shepton Mallet,  
Somerset.



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Public Health & Housing Administration, Meat and Food Inspection, Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Council House Administration (Letting, Control of Tenancies and Maintenance), and Rodent Control.

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Public Health.

Housing.





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2nd October 1973.

To : The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report on the Health of this Rural District Council prepared in accordance with Circular 1/73 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

The health figures for the District give reasonable cause for satisfaction, with an excess of births over deaths, no stillbirths, a birth rate higher and a death rate lower than County or National averages, a lowered infant mortality rate and no maternal deaths.

The main causes of death remained in much the same order but there was an increase in lung cancer deaths and in deaths by accident. Cases of notifiable disease were few in number apart from measles.

Progress on the environmental health side has been fully described by the Senior Public Health Inspector in his detailed Report for which I am most grateful and for his co-operation and that of his staff at all times.

At the time of writing, the "winds of change" from Local Government and National Health Service Reorganisation blow over your public health staff, entailing additional work over Working Party reports and Special Committees but every effort is made to maintain and in fact increase the variety of services provided.


In conclusion, may I express my thanks to the Clerk, Surveyor, Council Members and professional colleagues in the District for their continued courtesy and support.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

D.E.CLARE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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## GENERAL

## STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres) ... ..	47,167
Estimated Population (mid-year 1972).. ..	10,880
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	3,820
Rateable Value (at 1.4.73) ... ..	£1,015,872
Product of a penny rate (72/73 Estimated)...	£3,259

## MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1972

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England &amp; Wales where available)

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet R.D.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u> (Provisional)
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	75	63	138				
Illegitimate	4	10	14				
Totals	79	73	152			8,641	725,405
Rate per 1,000 population				14.0	16.7	15.3	14.8
(Area Births Comparability Factor 1.19)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected rate to national rate					1.13		

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 9.0

6.4

9.0

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	-	-	-				7,846
Illegitimate	=	=	=				948
Totals	=	=	=			101	8,794
Rate per 1,000 live and still births				Nil		12.0	12.0

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

79 73 152

8,742

734,199

DEATHSTOTAL DEATHS

(all ages) 61 60 121

7,803

591,907

Rate per 1,000 population 11.1 10.5

10.8

12.1

(Area Deaths Comparability Factor .95)

(Corrected)

Ratio of local corrected rate to national rate .87



DEATHS

				<u>Shepton Mallet R.D.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u> (Provisional)
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (under 1 year)	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>				
Legitimate	1	1	2				11,177
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				<u>1,317</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>			116	12,494
(under 4 weeks)							
Legitimate	1	-	1				7,503
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				<u>870</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			83	<u>8,373</u>
(under 1 week)							
Legitimate	1	-	1				6,365
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				<u>777</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			63	<u>7,142</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total Infant deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births	13.0	13.0	17.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate live births	14.0	14.0	17.0
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	11.0	21.0

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES

(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	7.0	10.0	12.0
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	7.0	7.0	10.0
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Still births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live & still births)	7.0	21.0	22.0
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MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil	.11	



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1972  
(as given by the Registrar-General)

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 &+
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Blood, etc	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	6	3
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	8

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 &+
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill-defined Conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
All other Accidents	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Suicide & Self- Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total all Causes	M	61	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	11	17	27
	F	60	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	4	9	16	28



## NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1972

(the figures in general are too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population      The Registrar-General estimates a gain of 110 over the mid-year population for the previous year, and live births exceeded deaths by 31.

Births      Live Births - totalled 1 less than in 1971, but when adjusted by an increased Area Births Comparability Factor, a birth rate significantly higher than the County and National figures is obtained. Illegitimate Live Births - the number of illegitimate live births rose to 14, and the percentage of these equalled the National figure. Still Births - it is a pleasure to record that there were none.

Deaths      All Ages - fell by 4 compared with the previous year and when adjusted by the Area Deaths Comparability Factor the death rate remains lower than County and National rates. Infants - deaths fell by 3 to 2 this year, and the various mortality rates either equalled or were lower than County and National rates. Maternal Mortality - was again nil.

Causes of Death      Heart, Cerebrovascular and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System - Deaths from these again fell compared with the previous year, to a total of 56, and of these heart diseases accounted for 36 deaths and cerebrovascular disease for 17. Cancer - deaths totalled 31, 2 less than in 1971. As regards site, lung cancer once more took leading place with 7 deaths, followed by cancer of the intestine with 6 deaths and cancer of the breast with 5. Respiratory Diseases - caused 14 deaths, mainly in males, and of these bronchitis and emphysema accounted for 7 deaths followed by pneumonia with 5. Accidents - deaths by accident increased by 1 to 6; 2 of these involved a motor vehicle and were both male deaths. The 4 deaths from "Other Accidents" were all in females. Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries - accounted for 2 deaths.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(please see Five-Year Table)

It will be seen that there was the usual two-yearly wave of measles in the District, but this was on a minor scale.

The case of infective jaundice notified was an isolated one occurring in a boy on leave from a boarding school outside the District where there had been other cases.

The case of meningococcal meningitis occurred in a child on holiday in the District, and the case of acute encephalitis was a post-viral infection.

The one case of respiratory tuberculosis notified was in an adult who some time later died of cancer of the lung.

## FOOD POISONING AND HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

No cases were reported in the District.

### MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959. (Sec.20)

The Heat Treatment Order served on a dairy herd in the south of the District in May 1971, because of brucellosis, continued in operation during 1972 as the herd had not been cleared of infection.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No case requiring action under the provisions of the above Acts occurred during 1972.

### CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1968 - 1972 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
1. <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	18.0	15.6	17.2	15.5	16.7
Somerset	16.9	16.8	15.1	16.5	15.3
England & Wales	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0	14.8
2. <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	9.9	10.1	10.5	10.7	10.5
Somerset	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.8
England & Wales	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.1
3. <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	23.0	Nil	18.0	33.0	13.0
Somerset	15.6	16.0	17.0	16.0	13.0
England & Wales	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	17.0



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (5 YEAR PERIOD 1968 - 1972)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	30	2	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	2	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	2	-	3	1
Measles	48	57	46	10	38
Scarlet Fever	4	1	3	1	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	9	15	3	-
Totals	53	100	68	17	43

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### (A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies No information is available from the Bristol Waterworks Company. The County Health Committee recommended that Local Authorities in Somerset carry out monitoring of public supplies by taking samples and the Council agreed to co-operate in this scheme. The Langport R.D.C. were asked if they could arrange for a public main supply to an area known as King O Mill in the Parish of Lydford on the boundary with Langport R.D.C. (where a public main supply was available) as there was no possibility of providing main water to this area from mains within the Shepton Mallet R.D. At the end of the year, pollution of one of the main sources within the District by silage occurred and the source had to be taken out of distribution. Eight samples from public main supplies were taken, all satisfactory.

Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies (these figures were supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company in 1965) -

Stoke Bottom	...	...	...	0.06 (average Fluoride p.p.m. as F).
West Bradley	...	...	...	0.45
Three Ashes	...	...	...	0.20
Farncombe	...	...	...	0.16
Evercreech	...	...	...	0.10
Milton Clevedon...	...	...	...	0.15
Lydford (ex Wessex Water Board)				0.22
Gurney Slade	...	...	...	0.05

### 2. Individual Private Supplies

182 houses in the District (5%) are supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 172 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 10 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.

These samples gave the following results :-

Number taken	...	9
Satisfactory	...	2
Unsatisfactory	...	7

### 3. Sources of Supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 21 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. Of 3,820 houses in the District, 3,603 (94%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 172 (4%) have a spring or well water laid on internally, and 10 (3%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 10 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance procedure. 35 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.



Table B on page 22 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,532 houses in the District (92%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 71 (2%) from private mains.

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) Evercreech & Stoney Stratton Stage I (Evercreech sewer extensions and modifications) and Stage II (Sewering of Stoney Stratton) were both completed during the year.

(b) Lydford - East & West The difficulties regarding the financing of the scheme were finally resolved and work was commenced in July. The cost of the scheme rose to £225,000. A small extension of the scheme to allow for sewerage of houses along the Keinton Road was agreed.

(c) Batcombe It was decided that the proposed sewers should discharge to the Evercreech sewage disposal works and this would necessitate some augmentation of the Evercreech works. The scheme was then estimated to cost £330,000 and application for loan consent for this amount was to be made.

(d) Binegar & Parbrook Further preparatory work on these two schemes was adjourned owing to difficulty in financing the schemes.

(e) Alhampton (Ditchheat Parish) Further consideration was given to the sewerage of this Hamlet but it was accepted that it would not be practical to carry out the scheme during 1972 or 1973. The Council will recommend this scheme to the new successor Council.

2. Drainage of Existing Houses

Table B on page 22 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1972 as 2,109 (55%). 1,424 (37%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 287 houses (7%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage.

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on page 22 shows that 3,535 houses (92%) have a water closet. 271 houses (7%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 14 (.4%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 88 houses (2%) have no sink and 713 houses (18%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

1. Collection It was decided to purchase a new Bedford/Eagle Compressload 5 Refuse Collection Vehicle with a capacity of 40/50 cub.yards and this came into use at the end of the year. It was then decided to retain, for occasional use, the Dennis Paxit IIA Refuse Vehicle. The fortnightly collection in each Parish continued.



2. Disposal By arrangement with Wincanton R.D.C. and Frome R.D.C. household refuse is now disposed of on the tips of these two Authorities, and for which payment is made. The tip at Moorwood continues for the time being for the disposal of bulky refuse. The Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act, 1972 came into force.

3. Civic Amenities Act Action was taken under this Act for dealing with various unauthorised rubbish dumps and abandoned cars. There is a free collection system of bulky refuse and facilities are provided for depositing by the public of such items.

#### (E) CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The scheme continued for one annual emptying of cesspools free of charge. 164 cesspools of private houses were emptied during the year.

#### (F) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No formal action was taken during the year.

2. Caravans No new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, 12 licences were in force for sites for individual caravans, and two for more than one caravan.

3. Rag Flock There are no premises in this District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.

4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.

5. Rats & Mice Sixty-two complaints were received of rat infestation. Advice was given in respect of 17 cases of mice infestation. The Council's Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the sewers at Cranmore, Croscombe, Ditchheat, Doultling, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. 110 premises were treated for the destruction of rats. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating 40 farms by agreement, 1 more than last year, but it was decided that time did not permit any more agreements to be made.

6. Insect Pests Treatment and advice was given for flies, wasps and other insect pests. A Statutory Notice was served regarding infestation of flies from a poultry establishment and the notice was complied with.

7. Factories Table G on page 25 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were 15 Outworkers on the Council List, mainly employed in the Gloving Industry.

8. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were 25 premises registered at the end of the year, in which 178 persons were employed. Twenty-five inspections were made during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.



9. Swill Plants      The powers in respect of the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There are no licences in force.
10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963      Three licences were renewed.
11. Atmospheric Pollution      With the coming into force of the Alkali, etc, Works Order, 1971, control of dust from Quarry plants passed to H.M. Alkali Inspector. Excellent liaison with H.M. Alkali Inspector continued.
12. Complaints      During the year 100 complaints were received, as follows :-
 

General Public Health Matters ..	15
Rats, mice, insect pests ..	85
13. Notices      Two Statutory Notices and five informal notices were served during the year.

#### (G) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance      Of the Unfit houses found as the result of the 1955 survey there is a small residue still to be dealt with but these can be dealt with as circumstances permit and in many cases are modernised with grants when the tenancies terminate. This residue will thus continue to be dealt with by formal or informal procedure as applicable. A report was submitted to the Department of the Environment as required in their Circular received during the year - "Slums & the Older Houses - an overall strategy" and the Council decided to adhere to their present policy of making unfit houses fit as far as is possible.
2. Improvement Grants      37 applications for Discretionary Grants and 14 applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table E on page 23 shows that schemes for the improvement of 31 houses were completed during the year.
3. Private Houses Erected      118 new houses were completed during the year.
4. Overcrowding      No cases were discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957      No applications for a certificate of disrepair were received during the year.

#### (H) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses      At the end of the year there was a sharp increase in the number of applications received. **There were** 208 cases on the lists and of these 119 were considered to have established a housing need. This figure of 119 worth-while cases, (which is almost double that at the beginning of the year) comprised 74 for houses and 45 for old peoples' bungalows. Details of applications are given in Table D on page 23.
2. Houses Let      During the year 10 houses and 8 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant, a much lower figure than usual. Two bungalows at Evercreech and 4 at Stoke St. Michael were completed and occupied.



3. Building Programmes Of the 1972 programme, the construction of 6 bungalows at Pilton and 7 at Oakhill was commenced, but it was not possible to commence work on the 4 bungalows at Gurney Slade (Binegar) and the 4 bungalows at Croscombe. Negotiations for the purchase of the land at Gurney Slade were in progress at the end of the year and planning permission sought for 8 bungalows on the site. After discussions with the Planning Officer, the number at Croscombe was reduced to 3. The following was agreed, provisionally, as the 1973 Building Programme :-

Oakhill	...	6 bungalows.
Gurney Slade	...	4 further bungalows (in addition to the 4 agreed in the 1972 programme).
Cranmore	...	4 bungalows.
Holcombe	...	4 bungalows.
Stratton-on-the-Fosse		2 bungalows.

It was decided (a) that if the 2 bungalows at Stratton-on-the-Fosse were not likely to proceed, then 3 bungalows at Stoke St. Michael be constructed, and (b) that enquiries be made regarding possible housing sites in Doultling.

#### (I) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-Cream There were no new registrations for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action in some cases achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table H (Analysis of Food Premises) on page 26 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-  
Cattle - 582 Calves - 2,699 Pigs - 2,026 Sheep - 1,038 Total 6,345
6. Slaughtermen Six slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Act.
7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables J and K on pages 27 and 28 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were no cases of cysticercus bovis in cattle (the larval stage of the human tape-worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C. on occasions when their Inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned 27 items of food (10 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Foods Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried when necessary, on the refuse tip.

#### (J) SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area but several schools have their own private pools.

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TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES EITHER  
OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or onto house		Number of houses supplied by stand-pipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc, laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
Ashwick	376	378	367	371	4	4	4	3	1	-
Batcombe	144	146	97	99	-	-	46	46	1	1
Binegar	90	89	88	87	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West	89	90	88	89	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cranmore	145	147	126	128	10	10	9	9	-	-
Croscombe	235	239	228	232	1	1	6	6	-	-
Ditchheat	229	232	227	230	2	2	-	-	-	-
Doulting	193	193	182	182	2	2	6	6	3	3
Downhead	35	35	26	26	-	-	9	9	-	-
Emborough	51	51	49	49	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	600	672	576	648	5	5	19	19	-	-
Holcombe	267	271	266	270	-	-	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	48	49	41	42	-	-	7	7	-	-
Lydford	136	137	127	128	-	-	8	8	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	25	25	-	-	7	7	-	-
Pennard, East	120	120	102	102	-	-	15	15	3	3
Pilton	300	304	284	288	-	-	16	16	-	-
Pylle	62	62	58	58	-	-	4	4	-	-
Stoke St. Michael	249	273	243	267	1	1	4	4	1	1
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	299	300	281	282	9	9	8	8	1	1
Total	3700	3820	3481	3603	35	35	173	172	11	10

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	1971		1972	
	3,700		3,820	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>		%		%
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3371	91.1	3495	91.5
Houses with private main water	71	1.9	71	1.9
Houses with well, spring, etc., piped to house	173	4.7	172	4.5
Total houses with internal supply	3615	97.7	3738	97.9
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
Public main	39	1.1	37	.9
Wells, springs, etc.	11	.3	10	.3
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
Standpipe on public main	35	.9	35	.9
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3400	91.9	3535	92.6
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	280	7.6	271	7.0
Houses with privy	16	.4	14	.4
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1990	53.7	2109	55.0
Houses drained to satisfactory septic tank or cesspit	1407	38.2	1424	37.5
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	303	8.1	287	7.5
(4) <u>Other Sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	91	2.4	88	2.3
Houses with no bath	734	19.8	713	18.7



TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	3,700	3,820
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	34	30
Houses in need of major repairs	86	85
Houses in need of minor repairs	361	349
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness	406	400
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects	1,559	1,586
Post-war private houses	537	655
Council houses	717	715

TABLE D - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) Total applications (including old people)

On list at 1st January 1972	..	150
On list at 31st December 1972	..	208

(b) Of total number, reasonable cases only

	<u>Families</u>	<u>Old People</u>	<u>Total</u>
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On list at 1st January 1972	..	37	27	64
On list at 31st December 1972	..	74	45	119

In addition to the 45 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December, 7 old people occupying Council Houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE E - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	<u>Standard Grants</u>
Approved to 1971	...	245	232
During 1972	...	<u>37</u>	<u>14</u>
	Total	282	246
Completed to 1971	...	211	205
During 1972	...	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>
	Total	229	218

TABLE F - VISITS

							<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
1.	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...	...				7	9
2.	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...			78	100
3.	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	162	171
4.	Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	2,001	2,104
5.	Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	31	36
6.	Drainage and sewage disposal..	...	...	...			95	70
7.	Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
8.	Atmospheric pollution...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10
9.	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...			74	79
10.	Rats and Mice suppression (By Rodent Operator) ..						1,563	1,609
11.	Rats, mice and other vermin (By P.H. Inspectors).						31	23
12.	Stables and piggeries...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
13.	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	25	20
14.	Factories and workshops	...	...	...	...	...	7	5
15.	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse..	...	...	...			484	502
16.	Other food inspection...	...	...	...	...	...	15	13
17.	Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
18.	Ice-cream dealers..	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
19.	Dairies and milk distributors	...	...	...			4	3
20.	Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
21.	Canteens and restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
22.	Other food premises	...	...	...	...	...	20	24
23.	Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	90	106
24.	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act...	...					34	37
25.	Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	...	38	52
26.	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	106	151



TABLE G - FACTORIES

Inspection

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power).	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (power).	37	5	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	38	5	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases where defects found				Number of prosecutions
	Found	Rem- ed- ied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec: 1.					
Overcrowding. Sec.2.					
Unsatisfactory temperature. . . . Sec.3.					
Ventilation. Sec.4.					
Ineffective drainage of floors. Sec.6.					
Sanitary Conveniences.Sec.7.					
(a) insufficient.					
(b) unsuitable or defective					
(c) not separate for sexes.					
Other offences (not including Outworkers).					



TABLE H - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applicable	Complying
Butcher only	1	1	1
Butcher & Sausage Manufacturer	5	5	5
Public House only	23	23	23
Public House & Restaurant	5	5	5
Public House & Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant & Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocer & Green-grocer	10	10	10
Grocer and Ice-Cream Dealer	28	28	28
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner & Ice-Cream Dealer	3	-	-
Restaurant & Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Restaurant & Canteen	2	2	2
Food Factory & Canteen	1	1	1
Wet & Fried Fish	1	1	1
Total	91	87	87

TABLE I - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED AS  
FOOD PREMISES, etc.

50 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.

TABLE J - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1972

1. Whole carcase and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Anaemia ...	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bruising ...	-	-	-	1	-	1
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	8	1	2	11
Jaundice ...	-	-	-	1	2	3
Oedema ...	1	-	6	5	11	23
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	-	-	-	1	-	1
Pneumonia...	-	-	2	-	5	7
Pyæmia ...	-	-	3	1	13	17
Septicaemia.	-	-	31	2	42	75
Uraemia ...	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total ...	1	-	50	12	78	141

2. Part carcase condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess ...	-	-	1	-	24	25
Arthritis...	-	-	-	-	9	9
<b>Bruising</b> ...	2	-	1	1	8	12
Decomposition	-	1	-	-	-	1
Oedema ...	-	-	-	-	2	2
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	-	-	-	2	3	5
Tumour ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total ...	2	2	2	3	46	55

3. Offal condemned

2,023 items of edible offal were condemned.

4. Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
537	45	2,699	1,038	2,026	6,345



TABLE K - MEAT INSPECTION 1972

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	537	45	2,699	1,038	2,026
(1) <u>Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(2) <u>Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for refrigeration treatment	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reasons	-	-	-	-	-
(3) <u>All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	51	12	77
Part carcasses or organs condemned	121	21	552	121	669
(4) <u>Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs) for :-</u>					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus Bovis	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases	1702	393	5120	952	11035

Total Weight Condemned 8 tons, 11 cwts, 1 qr, 22 lbs.





